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The board of United States engineers appointed to report on the advisability of attempting to materially deepen the channel at the entrance of Yaquina bay is to meet in Portland on November 13. The Yaquina bay people have been repulsed time after time by government engineers and by congress, but they come up smiling each time and keep working. They always manage to get a hearing, and their persistent efforts will not be fruitless. If Astoria had half that determination and energy this city would have all it now asks for.

NATAL AND LUZON: A CONTRAST.

The news from South Africa has been of such absorbing interest that little attention has been paid of late to our operations in the Philippines. Like any other game, the supreme game of war must be stubbornly played on both sides to create intensity of feeling and arouse enthusiasm. Hence, though the American is more immediately concerned in Luzon than in the Natal campaign, he turns from the monotony of uninterrupted victories easily won and carefully scans all accounts of the fierce and tragic struggle between the English and the Boers.

But the sense of perfect security which enables him to do this is striking evidence of the progress of our arms and of the utter indifference of the public to the imaginary terrors of the anti-expansionist. The person who misses its import is blind, indeed, for we doubt if history furnishes another example of a people so engrossed in a war between foreign states as to pay little heed to one in which its own country is engaged. The bare statement of the fact seems incredible, and the more the melancholy prophets multiply their millions of Malays the greater its significance becomes.

The truth is that not one American in a hundred has any fear of the proximate or ultimate results of our conflict with Aguinaldo, nor is there any cause for fear. Though much stress has been laid on the circumstance that we have occupied but a comparatively small area about Manila, the purely negative arguments that are deduced from it are rendered valueless by the very positive accomplishments of our troops. It has been proved again and again that we have the power to extend the area whenever we make the effort.

Just now, for instance, the troops are pushing out and meeting nowhere with effective resistance. We read that the insurgents are fleeing pell-mell before General Arthur's advance; that they have abandoned towns to Colonel Parker without firing a gun; that Colonel Hays has taken others without firing a gun.

It is highly probable that a well-equipped force of a few regiments could march around the entire island and return almost unscathed. But of course 18,000 or 20,000 men cannot permanently occupy 25,000 square miles of country whose population contains a considerable element of the disaffected and rebellious.

One principal need is for garrisons, which should be posted at good strategic points in every part of the Tagalo territory. They would speedily convince Aguinaldo's followers of the hopelessness of their cause, and when the insurrection in the Luzon was suppressed all opposition would quickly die out in the other islands. As provision has already been made with this end in view, there is abundant reason to believe that the rebellion will be quickly put down before the approaching dry season is over.

It will be seen, therefore, that the confidence of the people is justified, and that they can afford to watch the

sterner game in South Africa. As they observe the contrast that it offers, with its real difficulties to the fancied difficulties of their own task, they will have less and less patience with the cowardly and humiliating gospel of the "quitters" who go about proclaiming their lack of faith in the nation.

A BRYAN AND ATKINSON WAR.

A disgruntled Manila correspondent, who certainly has no sympathy with the powers that be, adds to the evidence that the Filipino insurgents have been inspired anew by their American brethren. He says that a paper is published among them which contains the latest utterances by our opposition orators and pamphleteers.

In one issue there was a speech by William Jennings Bryan, with a characteristic denunciation of the war and a plea, no doubt, for government by consent of the governed. Edwin D. Mead's pamphlet, "The Present Crisis," and the pamphlets of Edward Atkinson have also appeared in this revolutionary organ for the delectation and encouragement of Aguinaldo's army.

Surely it is becoming a serious question, under these circumstances, whether the license that is permitted the Vallandighams of this country ought not to be curtailed. Though they have no influence here, it is clear that they are now the mainstay of the insurrection. The insurgents naturally magnify their power and persist in a hostile attitude because they think that there is a serious defection in the United States. We doubt if the southerners at any time were so far misled by the Knights of the Golden Circle.

The war is gradually becoming a Bryan and Atkinson war, though it is carried on by wretched deluded Tagalos. It is the Bryans and Atkinsons who are answerable for its prolongation, and henceforth every drop of blood that is shed will be on their heads. They will be responsible for the death, sickness and suffering of our soldiers, for the sorrow and anxiety of their friends and families in many an American home.

Is there no way then of holding them accountable? So far the question has not aroused the popular interest that it should, simply because the people do not realize the full gravity of their offense or the extent to which it has been carried. They have despised them too thoroughly to believe them capable of much harm, and have been reluctant anyway to interfere with free speech.

But when free speech is continually promoting insurrection, when it has become a real factor in a rebellion against the government, it may be stopped legally if there is any validity in a law against treason, and it may be stopped also by the populace in a popular manner. It is too much to expect everlasting patience under such provocation.

LET US HAVE ROADS.

ASTORIA, Nov. 4.—To the Commercial Bodies and Other Organizations of Clatsop County—Gentlemen: Believing, as we do, that your organization is a body properly to be addressed upon all subjects relating to the progress of our city and county, and that anything calculated to bring to the people of Astoria the advantages of cities of like population elsewhere, and that tends to build up around us thrifty neighborhoods, will meet with your hearty support, this association takes the opportunity of seeking to enlist through you a general interest in the plan now before the people to obtain good wagon roads in Clatsop county—good roads being a subject increasingly recognized as of first importance in every progressive community.

After much investigation, as a road-making body, we favor the plan indicated in the enclosed petition (the three-road petition), and would present the following considerations:

1. We favor improving the three main roads at one and the same time, because while the three may not be alike important, all are needed; they all give substantial advantage. Also, the plan of a regularly imposed tax running four years will doubtless enable the county to improve all the roads in one season, by disposing of the surplus for such; and while the taxes are accruing, the roads will come into use and uphold the county; and, besides, it seems scarcely probable that the required signatures could be obtained for improvement of only one road; all sections of the county must share the benefit if all are expected to bear the tax.

2. We favor, after careful consideration, the 5-mill tax. Nothing less would do in the work. Neither is this excessive. The present road tax, or rather that levied in 1898 and for some time past, has been 4 mills, but owing to the small amount of this available for road-making—nearly three-fourths of it having been used for city street crossings—this has been insufficient even for patchwork in the country. Temporary work only squanders the taxes. We favor a sufficient tax, to be lumped for economical use, to make permanent improvements.

3. We have prepared questions to cover plan of construction, and tax sufficient if this special tax is imposed, and have received answers from the county court, as follows:

Question. If special levy of 5 mills is made, will any other be laid for road purposes?

Answer. No, not by the county.

Q. Does the statute then provide for any general road tax; and, if so, will same be sufficient to keep old roads passable while new ones are constructed?

A. Yes, supervisors are directed to collect a poll tax * * * and \$1.50 property tax from every \$1,000 worth of property assessed in their district for road purposes.

Q. Will levying special tax of 5 mills invalidate collecting poll tax?

A. Not legally advised, but think not.

Q. Will maximum grade be 6 per cent?

A. Where practicable.

Q. Will roads be built continuously from Astoria city limits and done by contract?

A. Roads will be built from city limits toward the country in such man-

ner as the county court ascertains definitely will be most economical and best for the public; probably by contract, under supervision of competent men; not supervisors.

Q. Will roads be built at once, or as taxes come in?

A. Roads can be built at once and payments made in same manner as adopted in construction of Young's bay bridge.

The court also says that definite estimates of cost cannot yet be made; but the materials called for, rock, gravel, plank or puncheon, offer the basis for calculation, and contracts will be awarded in large or small lots according to economy or public good dictates. It cannot be definitely said that the tax contemplated will finish any road to the county line, but this is anticipated, except in case of the road east, which 1 mill tax will hardly take further than Knappa.

4. The question of street crossings in Astoria, in case the general road tax is withdrawn, may be answered in various ways.

We beg to suggest that the road poll tax upon all males between the ages of 21 and 30 years would be some source of revenue for this purpose, and would serve to allow the county road tax to be a class not accustomed to pay a tax, and yet well and justly able—as our numerous transient laborers. The property tax of a mill and a half will also be collected. It is believed, and is an object worthy some present sacrifice. The city has, moreover, long used the county road funds, as it is said no other city in the state has done exclusively; and a certain justice would seem to allow the county road tax now to be used for the county roads until at least on a good, permanent basis, as intended by this special tax.

5. The special tax also justly brings a due share of the burden of improvement upon non-resident property holders, who otherwise do not bear their full part.

6. Finally, valuations in this county have been decreased and the tax rate has been lessened, so that in asking for a 5-mill special road tax even, little or no increase of taxation is contemplated; but merely taking advantage of a favorable time and condition to provide our long neglected county with substantial roads, without which progress in our country districts is out of the question.

As a body composed of business men, and ourselves taxpayers, we ask your earnest attention and cooperation, feeling sure that here is the way, and now is the time, for a great advance along this line.

7. Please find enclosed an exhibit of tax levy of 1898 compared, showing that an actual decrease of property tax is provided, even with the 4-mill special tax, as petitioned for.

C. W. CARNAHAN,
O. I. PETERSON,
A. HILDEBRAND,
R. M. GASTON,
Road Committee, Astoria Progressive Commercial Association.

H. S. LYMAN, Secretary.

A QUESTION OF LEADS.

One Mining Company Accuses Another of Poaching.

MOSCOW, Ida., Nov. 5.—In the United States court today John Purdy and Robert Stewart were convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 or serve three months in the county jail for cutting timber on the Coeur d'Alene Indian reservation.

A motion for continuance was argued by the Last Chance Mining Company in a case in which they are defendants and the Bunker Hill Company plaintiffs. The case is of great importance and involves some fine legal points on the question of extrajurisdiction rights. The plaintiffs claim that defendants have extracted \$200,000 worth of mineral from the former's ore body. The case was taken under advisement by Judge Beatty. The issue has been in litigation for 12 years.

OUT OF COMMISSION.

Retreat Sounded for the First Time on the Olympia Yesterday at Boston.

BOSTON, Nov. 8.—Admiral Dewey's flagship went out of commission today. All the officers and crew assembled on the quarter-deck, where Captain Lambertson bade them good bye.

Retreat was sounded while the flag was being hauled down and this ended the cruise of the famous vessel.

COLORED OFFICER'S SUICIDE.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 8.—Captain Lewis McNabb, 35 years of age, and commanding officer of company K, Forty-ninth United States volunteers, a colored regiment in camp at Jefferson barracks, committed suicide today by blowing the top of his head off with a Krag-Jorgenson rifle. McNabb, who is colored, was recently promoted from first sergeant in the Twenty-fourth infantry. No reason is known for his suicide.

CELEBRATED FAMILY HONORED.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Mysterious Billy Smith got the decision over Chas. McKeever at the end of the 26th round tonight.

STORIES OF KRUGER.

President Kruger celebrated his seventy-fifth anniversary a fortnight ago. Here are a few of the stories concerning him told on that occasion: His worst enemy would not accuse him of lack of courage. It is related of him

that he was once hunting when he gave chase to a huge buffalo. The animal fell into a wallow, and in a second Kruger was on top of it, rider, horse and buffalo rolling together in the big puddle. Disentangling himself, Kruger seized the buffalo by the horns and twisted its neck until he forced its nose under water. After a fearful struggle and by sheer strength he drowned the animal.

Over forty years ago President Kruger injured his left thumb with a rifle, whereupon he coolly took out his knife and amputated the wounded digit. A few years ago he had a severe attack of toothache. For three or four days and nights he endured the pain without a murmur; then one night, as he could not sleep owing to the troublesome tooth, he got up, hunted for his knife, and with this dug out the offending molar.

But President Kruger is above all things a wily diplomatist, as was well shown when a deputation of Uitlanders waited upon him to hint that he was responsible for the decrease in value of mining shares. Oom Paul answered them in a parable about a pet monkey he once had.

"Years ago," said the president, "on a cold day, I and the monkey made a fire, in which the animal burned his tail, and in revenge bit me. I said to him: 'I made a fire to warm us both, but you burned your tail in it. That was your own fault, and I don't see why you should be angry with me.'"

On another occasion he had referred to him a question about the division of certain property between two brothers, who agreed to abide by Kruger's decision. He listened patiently to both sides and then delivered his judgment. To the elder brother he said: "I decide that you, being the senior, shall divide the property. But I also decide that the younger brother shall have his choice of the two portions."

DR. ANITA NEWCOMB M'GEE.

Only Woman Officer in the United States Army.

One of the most interesting personalities connected with the War Department is Dr. Anita Newcomb McGee, who is at the head of the woman army nurses and is an assistant to Surgeon General Sternberg. Dr. McGee has the rank of a first lieutenant and is entitled to wear shoulder straps indicative of her rank, but she is averse to display and is too sensible a woman to permit the curious to annoy her.

Dr. McGee has the distinction of being the only woman officer in the United States army service. There is no woman officer in the navy. She is one of the vice-presidents of the Daughters of the American Revolution. One of her ancestors, General John Bull, fought the British during the revolutionary war. Her father is Professor Simon Newcomb, well known as an astronomer, and her husband is Professor W. J. McGee, who has charge of the American bureau of ethnology.

Dr. McGee is little of middle height for a woman and impresses one with her intelligence and command of language. She is a fascinating conversationalist and has a pleasant face which, with the aid of a pair of brown eyes, is very expressive. She studied at Cambridge university, England, and at the University of Geneva. She obtained her medical degree from Columbia university at Washington, and took a graduate course in medicine at Johns Hopkins university. There are about four hundred women nurses in the army service. Half of that number are on active duty. Dr. McGee is organizing a reserve corps of nurses. In order to be appointed reserves it is necessary that the nurses shall have had four months' experience in the army. They will be entitled to wear the red enameled Maltese cross, the badge of the regular army nurse.

Dr. McGee in a few weeks will effect the organization of the reserve corps.

Though prudence does undoubtedly in a great measure produce our good or ill fortune in the world, it is certain there are many unforeseen accidents and occurrences which very often prevent the finest schemes that can be laid by human wisdom.

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